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SUBJECT: OFFER TO MARIN KRATOCHVIL FOR STUDY AT BERKLEE COLLEGE

REF: (A) PRAGUE 139 DTD. 1/17/75; (B) STATE 015664 DTD. 1/75;
(C) PRAGUE 215 DTD. 1/29/76

1. MARTIN KRATOCHVIL, LEADER OF LOCAL JAZZ-ROCK FUSION POPULAR GROUP, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED FOR FALL 1976 ADMISSION FOR ONE YEAR'S STUDY AT BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC, BOSTON. BERKLEE HAS OFFERED TUITION SCHOLARSHIP. KRATOCHVIL HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

2. IN COURSE OF PAST 18 MONTHS, KRATOCHVIL HAS CAREFULLY THREADED WAY THROUGH LOCAL BUREACRATIC MAZE TO SECURE PERMISSION FROM CZECH MINCULT TO COMPLETE THESE PRIVATE STUDIES. LAST REMAINING OBSTACLE, REPORTEDLY, TO OBTAINING PERMISSION TO TRAVEL IS MINCULT REQUIREMENT THAT DEFINITE AND CERTIFIABLE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR PAYMENT OF HIS LIVING EXPENSES DURING YEAR.

3. GIVEN DELICACY OF KRATOCHVIL'S POLITICAL POSITION, DIRECT PARTIAL GRANT CHANNELED THROUGH EMBASSY WOULD NOT APPEAR ACCEPTABLE OR ADVISEABLE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CU ASSESSMENT FEASIBILITY OF DOLS 2,000 GRANT, CHNNELED THROUGH BERKLEE. BERKLEE ADMISSIONS OFFICE WOULD ONLY NEED CERTIFY TO CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT KRATOCHVIL'S ROOM AND BOARD (DOLS. UNCLASSIFIED

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2,000) AS WELL AS TUITION AND FEES ARE COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIP.

CERTIFICATION COULD BE IN FORM OF LETTER OF INVITATION. BLIND
COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO EMBASSY.

4. ASSUMING THIS ARRANGEMENT COULD BE MADE DURING APRIL, IN
TIME FOR CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY TO RECEIVE LETTER AND FORWARD SAME
THROUGH MFA TO MINCULT IN PRAGUE BY MAY 1, KRATOCHVIL WOULD THEN
HAVE 3-4 MONTHS REQUIRED FOR PROCESSING LOCAL EXIT PERMIT PAPER-
WORK PRIOR TO TRAVEL TO STATES IN SEPTEMBER. SUCH PROCESSING
IS AND WILL REMAIN BLOCKED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CZECHOSLOVAK
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON RECEIVES APPROPRIATE CERTIFICATION FROM
BERKLEE OF COMPLETION ALL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCEPTABLE
FORM.

5. KRATOCHVIL IS YOUNG, TALENTED MUSICIAN WITH CONSIDERABLE
IMAGINATION AND FORTITUDE, WHOSE DOGGED PURSUIT OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY WITH QUALIFIED AMERICAN MUSCIANS MERITS
AN EQUAL MEASURE OF CONSIDERED SUPPORT, WHICH EMBASSY WISHES TO
OFFER IN FORM TAILORED TO MEET SPECIAL DEMANDS OF HIS SITUATION.

6. IF PROPOSAL ACCEPTABLE, REQUEST CU PROCEED AND ADVISE
EMBASSY OF PROGRESS.
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